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In a LETTER, *&c.*

SIR,

I Thought fit to give you an Account of the Succeſs I find in the Uſe of the Herb Mr. *Boyle* ſent me, in Curing that ſad and deplorable Diſtemper known by the Name of *Diabetes*, or making abundance of Water, which

quickly Ends in Death, and contemns the beſt of our *European* Remedies.

I find it an Excellent Medicine, it ſometimes gently Purgeth, and ſometimes Vomits, ſometimes neither only promotes inſenſible tranſpiration, according as it finds Nature diſpoſed, and by a peculiar quality it Cures the abovenamed Diſtemper.

I gave the Tincture of this Herb three Months together in Wine and Water to a Merchant who had lived in *Turkey*, and had been Baunio'd for it, and uſed all the Remedies that Countrey could afford; but finding no help there came over into *England*, and this Medicine, with God's Bleſſing, Cured him, his immoderate Evacuation ceaſed, his Water came to be of a good Colour, and ſaltiſh taſt, his Thirſt abaited, and he recovered his Fleſh and his Strength, tho' brought very low by the Diſtemper.

An old Man who was reduced to a meer Anatomy by the prevalency of this Diſeaſe, and

and ſeveral Phyſitians had delivered their Prognoſticks, that there was no hopes of Recovery, becauſe their ordinary Methods of Cure had failed them, yet I gave the Tincture of this Herb upon the Report that Mr. *Boyle* had given of it, and I found it wonderfully anſwering Expectation. I have written to Mr. *Box* at *London* to ſend me down what can be procured at any tollerable rates.

I find admirable Succeſs by giving the Tincture in Decoctions of *China Root*, and ſometimes in Harts horn Drink, the Horn being firſt Calcined.

The Learned Marchioneſs of *Dorcheſter*, who was an excellent Phyſitian, told me by way of Lamentation, that moſt Phyſitians of his Acquaintance did pertinatiouſly jogg on in the old Road of Vomiting, Purging, Bleeding, Bliſtering, Sweating, Urining; and if that would not do, they'd rather let their Patients dye than preſcribe a Specifick.

I alſo uſed the ſame Medicine in the Cure

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of a middle Aged Man, who made much more Urine that what proceeded from his liquid Aliment, ſo that all his radical Moiſture, ſeemed to be dryed up, like a Brook in Summer. I only directed him to a temperate, moiſt and nouriſhing ſort of Dyet, that might help to incraſcate the thinneſs of the Humours, and alſo Correct the Acrimony of the Blood, and nouriſh the macerated Habit of the Body, ſuch as Broaths made of Knuckles of Veal, and Panado's, and Caudles of New-laid Eggs, and Milk boiled with Water and Pearl Barley, and ſometimes with Rice. This Method, with the Tincture of this Specifick, wrought a wonderful Cure.

This Diſeaſe is very dangerous in Old Men, by reaſon of the decay of the Natural Heat; and it is hard to Cure in young Men, becauſe they will ſeldom be obliged to obſerve Rules, and therefore it uſually brings into Conſumptions, all their Nouriſhment running away by Urine.

I lately knew a Countrey Gentleman who drank his Bottle at his Club every Night, ſeven Months in the Year, when he was at

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London, and by that means brought himself into this Disease: Much Advice was taken, and many of the ordinary Shop-Medicines were used, but all in vain: Six hours before he dyed his Friends desired the Drops drawn out of this *Indian* Herb, but it was too late.

I also knew a Clergy-man who drank abundance of Tea, and whatever Friends came to visit, he must drink three or four dishes with them; at length it brought him into this Distemper: I gently purged him with Syrrup of *Mirabolans*, desired him to quench a peice of Gold in all his drink, and gave him twenty Drops of the Tincture of this Herb, with the Extract and Spirit of the same in his Spoon-meat and he wonderfully escaped with his Life.

An Eminent Physitian, my Neighbour, who suspected himself going into the same Disease, and hearing of this Specifick, desired a little of it, and told me he owed his Life under God to this Medicine. These things I thought fit to acquaint you with, that you may tell others.

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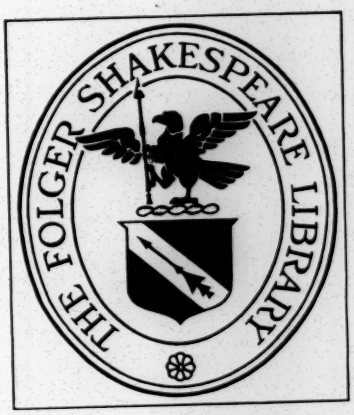
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